

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**CONTINUATION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:**

Application of: Ali Shajii, et al.

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Title: Apparatus and Method for Pressure Fluctuation Insensitive Mass Flow Control

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"**

Prior to the examination of the enclosed application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 33 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 39 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 40 of this paper.